The Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies degree program is designed to provide students with a broad academic background in general education, fundamental theoretical legal concepts, and practical applications. This program is designed for the student who has an interest in an entry-level position or who is ready to take the next step in his or her career in the legal field. The graduate will be prepared for challenging assignments, including investigating cases, researching the law, and preparing documents for litigation or business transactions, while working under the supervision of a licensed attorney.

Students pursuing the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies program are required to follow the curriculum and transfer policies that are outlined at the beginning of this section of the catalog.

The coursework is designed to emphasize development of keen analytical and critical thinking skills, while fostering sensitivity to cultural and political diversity. Graduates pursue entry-level positions as paralegals in law firms, banks, insurance companies, governmental agencies and corporations.

Program Objectives

- Students will demonstrate knowledge of procedural law and substantive law by successfully completing advanced or specialized legal assignments performed in a law office or any organization involved with legal processes under the supervision of an attorney.
- Students will demonstrate a proficiency in the skills required for the complexities of a modern technology-based law office.
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of professional and ethical standards expected of a paralegal in a broader spectrum of legal practice.
- Students will demonstrate enhanced communication skills, including public speaking, letter and memorandum writing, as well as complex legal drafting under the supervision of an attorney.
- Students will demonstrate advanced legal research, acute critical thinking, reasoning, and analytical approaches to legal problem solving.
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**180 CREDITS**

## Area I General Education Requirements  
### 64 Credits

**Professional Development**
- ITS1000 Computer and Internet Literacy 4
- UVC1000 Strategies for Success 4

### Basic Communications
- ENG1000 Composition I 4
- ENG1200 Composition II 4
- ENG1300 Composition III/Literature 4
- SPC1026 Public Speaking 4

### Mathematics and Statistics (*choose three*)
- MAT1001 College Algebra I 4
- MAT1005 College Algebra II 4
- MAT1500 College Mathematics 4
- MAT2000 Pre-Calculus 4
- MAT2101 Calculus I 4
- MAT2102 Calculus II 4
- MAT2058 Statistics 4

### Natural Sciences (*choose two*)
- BIO1020 Biology I 4
- BIO1021 Biology II 4
- CHM1010 General Chemistry 4

### Arts and Humanities (*choose two*)
- ENG2002 World Literature I 4
- ENG2003 World Literature II 4
- ENG2011 Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present 4
- HIS1101 U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865 4
- HIS1102 U.S. History II: 1865 to present 4
- HUM1001 History of Art through the Middle Ages to Modern Times 4
- HUM2101 World Civilization I: Prehistory – 1500 C.E. 4
- HUM2102 World Civilization II: 1500 – Present 4
- PHI2301 Introduction to Philosophy 4

### Social and Behavioral Sciences (*choose three*)
- ECO2071 Principles of Microeconomics 4
- ECO2072 Principles of Macroeconomics 4
- POL2076 American Government 4
- PSY1001 General Psychology 4
- SOC1001 Introduction to Sociology 4
- SOC2010 Social Problems 4

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## Area II Foundation Requirements  
### 40 Credits
- BUS1038 Business Law I 4
- BUS2038 Business Law II 4

### Elective Pool (*eight courses or 32 credit hours*)

### Area III Major Requirements  
### 76 Credits

**Core**
- LGS1001 Introduction to Paralegalism 4
- LGS1004 Torts and Remedies 4
- LGS1005 Legal Research and Writing I* 4
- LGS1006 Legal Research and Writing II 4
- LGS2001 Civil Litigation 4
- LGS2002 Family Law 4
- LGS2003 Estate Planning and Probate 4
- LGS2004 Criminal Law 4
- LGS2007 Computers in the Legal Office 4
- LGS2099 Paralegal Externship 4
- LGS4005 Advanced Legal Research and Writing 4
- LGS4008 Litigation Support Management 4
- LGS4030 Employment Law 4
- LGS4075 Legal Topics Seminar 4

### Electives (*choose two*)
- LGS2005 Real Estate Law 4
- LGS2008 Worker’s Compensation 4
- LGS2010 Bankruptcy Law 4
- LGS2030 Administrative Law 4

### Electives (*choose three*)
- LGS3009 International Law 4
- LGS3040 Constitutional Law 4
- LGS3050 Immigration Law 4
- LGS3060 Contract Law for Paralegals 4
- LGS3065 Criminal Procedure 4
- LGS4010 Evidence 4
- LGS4020 Advanced Real Estate Law 4
- LGS4045 Advanced Technology for Paralegals 4
- LGS4050 Environmental Law 4
- LGS4051 Cyberlaw 4
- LGS4055 Intellectual Property 4
- LGS4060 Legal Externship II 4

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*Please refer to catalog for specific requirements.*